

a2 4. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to [Claims 2 or 3] Claim 1 wherein said line of weakness comprises compressed regions in said core.

5. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to [Claims 2 or 3] Claim 1 wherein said line of weakness comprises cuts or slits in said core.

✓ 6. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to [Claims 2, 3, or 4] Claim 1 wherein said line of weakness joins said core and said topsheet.

a3 8. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to Claim 1 further comprising second and third discontinuous lines of weakness in said core on the opposite sides of said longitudinal centerline and being laterally concave away from said longitudinal centerline, wherein said second and third lines of weakness comprise discrete sites.

9. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to Claim 8 further comprising V-shaped discontinuous lines of weakness comprise discrete sites radiating outwardly from said longitudinal centerline as [the] a said transverse end of the sanitary napkin is approached.

a4 ✓ 13. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to Claim 12 further comprising two discontinuous lines of weakness symmetrically opposite about said longitudinal centerline and oriented concave outward therefrom, said [further] two lines of weakness having a vertex juxtaposed with said lateral centerline, wherein said two lines of weakness comprise discrete sites.

17. (Amended) A sanitary napkin according to Claim ¹⁶~~17~~ further comprising a second discontinuous line of weakness concave towards said first line of weakness and concave towards said lateral centerline, wherein said second line of weakness is formed by discrete sites.

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

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REMARKS

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 16-17 are rejected over Buell '959 in view of Glassman '240 and Sneller '747. The Examiner's position with regard to Claims 1-2 is well taken.